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## Mayor Tom Barrett issued the following statement regarding the State of Illinois poisoning the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal to prevent the spread of Asian Carp

"I am pleased that the appropriate steps are being taken to address the prevention of the spread of Asian Carp in the Chicago Sanitary & Ship Canal. However, I am concerned that this temporary poisoning and closing of the canal will not lead to the necessary and permanent prevention of Asian Carp entering into Lake Michigan. I again call on the appropriate agencies to take the necessary and immediate steps, including closing the locks and dams, to permanently prevent these fish from entering into Lake Michigan."